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SUBJ: ACTIVITIES IN MEXICO COMMEMORATING THE RISE AND  
FALL OF ALLENDE.

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1. SUMMARY: DESPITE COINCIDENCE OF SENSATIONAL NEWS STORIES ON ALLEGED CIA INTERVENTION IN CHILEAN POLITICS AGAINST ALLENDE AND RALLIES COMMEMORATING HIS REGIME, THE RALLIES AND DEMONSTRATIONS HAVE NOT ATTRACTED MUCH ATTENTION OR SUPPORT. GOM PARTICIPATION IN AND SUPPORT FOR THESE ACTIVITIES HAS BEEN LOW-KEYED. END SUMMARY.

2. MRS. HORTENSIA BUSSI DE ALLENDE, WIDOW OF FORMER PPRESIDENT ALLENDE, LAUNCHED THESE ACTIVITIES ON SEPT 4 AT A MEETING ATTENDED BY ABOUT 1,000 PEOPLE INCLUDING THE AMBASSADORS OF CUBA, POLAND, AND THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC. PRESS REPORTS, WHICH WERE SPARSE, DO NOT INDICATE THAT ANY GOM OFFICIALS ATTENDED. MRS. ALLENDE REPORTEDLY DENOUNCED THE PINOCHET REGIME AND CLAIMED THAT IT HAS IMPRISONED AND TORTURED OVER 30,000 PEOPLE IN CHILE.

3. ON SEPT 11, MRS. MARIA ESTER ZUNO DE ECHEVERRIA, WIFE OF THE PRESIDENT, ATTENDED THE INAUGURATION OF "THE HOUSE  
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OF CHILE IN MEXICO." PEDRO VUSKOVIC, ARCHITECT OF THE

ALLENDE REGIME'S ECONOMIC POLICY AND THE SOLE SPEAKER AT THESE CEREMONIES, ALLEGED THAT THE PINOCHET REGIME IS BURNING BOOKS AND DESTROYING CHILE'S CULTURAL HERITAGE. HE CALLED THE HOUSE OF CHILE, WHICH PURPORTS TO BE A CENTER FOR PRESERVING THIS HERITAGE AND DOCUMENTING THE "TRUTH" ABOUT CHILE, THE BEST REPLY TO THIS SORT OF "FASCIST BARBARISM." IN ADDITION TO MRS. ECHEVERRIA, OTHER NOTEWORTHY MEXICAN POLITICAL FIGURES ATTENDING THESE CEREMONIES WERE JUAN JOSE BREMER, PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE PRESIDENT; GONZALO MARTINEZ CORBALA, FORMER AMBASSADOR TO CHILE; JESUS SILVA HERZOG, DIRGEN OF THE INSTITUTE OF THE NATIONAL FUND FOR WORKERS HOUSING (INFONAVIT); AND AMALIA SOLORZANO, WIDOW OF FORMER PRESIDENT LAZARO CARDENAS.

4. THE MEXICAN SENATE OBSERVED A MOMENT OF SILENCE IN MEMORY OF ALLENDE ON SEPT 12. IN REQUESTING THIS, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, JUAN SABINES GUTIERREZ, CALLED ALLENDE A STATESMAN AND A PERSON WHO DESIRED TO MAKE SOCIETY MORE HUMANE AND JUST. IN ADDITION, SABINES REQUESTED THAT MEXICO'S REPRESENTATIVES TO THE IPU CONFERENCE IN TOKYO THIS OCTOBER EXPRESS THE CONCERN OF THE MEXICAN SENATE FOR THE LIVES OF THE CHILEAN SENATORS AND DEPUTIES WHO ARE IMPRISONED BY THE AUTHORITIES IN THEIR COUNTRY.  
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